

livered by him yesterday, was recommitted to said committee for the purpose of amendment.

On motion by Mr. Steuart of Baltimore, the bill reported by him, entitled, An act to alter the constitution of this state in relation to the privilege of removing causes in cases of criminal prosecutions, was referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice.

The Speaker laid before the house a communication from the honourable Theodorick Bland, the chancellor of Maryland, in reply to the order of this house, adopted yesterday, stating, "that he deems it respectful to the house, and a duty to himself, at once to say, that the matters, referred to by the order, do not fall within the constitutional range of his official duties; and he had, therefore, never thought he had any occasion to obtain, nor had he, in fact, obtained any particular knowledge respecting them. The chancellor, consequently, had it not in his power to communicate to this house any information upon the subject;" which was read, and referred to the select committee appointed yesterday on the several subjects relating to the chancery papers and records.

Mr. Wells, presented the petition of Jackson Baldwin and Eliza Baldwin, of the city of Annapolis, praying that the levy court of Anne-Arundel county, may be directed to levy a sum of money for their support.

And also the petition of Mary Shearman, of Anne-Arundel county, to the same effect as that last noted.

Ordered, That the said petitions be severally referred to the standing committee for the pecuniary relief of indigent persons by county assessments.

Mr. Dennis, having asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to be entitled, An act to regulate the inspection of staves in this state; it was, on his motion, Ordered, That a select committee of three members be appointed to prepare and report the same. Messrs. Dennis, Thomas of Cecil, and Gibbons, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Price, having asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill to be entitled, An act to increase the powers of the commissioners of Baltimore county; it was, on his motion, Ordered, That a select committee of three members be appointed to prepare and report the same. Messrs. Price, Turner and Ely, were appointed the said committee.

Mr. Teackle, having asked and obtained leave to report a bill to be entitled, An additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act to establish state warehouses for the inspection of tobacco, in the city of Baltimore; it was, on his motion, Ordered, That the committee on ways and means be, and it is hereby directed, to prepare and report the same.